

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a portion of Hoosier Heartland Corridor Highway in Cass County the Senator Thomas K. Weatherwax Highway.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename a portion of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor Highway in Cass County the Senator Thomas K. Weatherwax Highway.

Whereas, Senator Weatherwax played an intricate role in the development and ultimate success of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor;

Whereas, Through the years, Senator Weatherwax attended over one hundred meetings regarding the highway, talking with Congressmen, Indiana legislators, Indiana governors, state and federal agencies, local elected officials and community leaders;

Whereas, Senator Weatherwax led the effort to obtain the "Record of Decision" in Carroll County. He was also a leading proponent of "Major Moves" helping to secure funding for local infrastructure projects;



Whereas, Traveling outside Indiana, Senator Weatherwax ventured to Washington DC and met with the Rural Roads Coalition to explain the importance of rural roads in America. In addition, he met with Mary Peters, the Federal Secretary of Transportation, to discuss the Hoosier Heartland Corridor;

Whereas, Senator Weatherwax formed a working relationship with the Federal Highway Administration. His tireless efforts helped assure the highway would be constructed. The Senator also played a key role when the Federal Highway Administration visited Indiana;

Whereas, Senator Weatherwax was instrumental in meeting with and championing support from Governors Bayh and O'Bannon regarding construction of the highway;

Whereas, To obtain funding, a critical part of the equation, Senator Weatherwax worked with Congressman Buyer to obtain twenty-five million dollars in appropriations for the highway project;

Whereas, Delighted to see the project become reality, Senator Weatherwax played a leading role in the "Bridges to Nowhere" party and groundbreaking ceremony for the Hoosier Heartland Highway on June 14, 1996; and

Whereas, In honor and appreciation of Senator Weatherwax's continued dedication to improving the infrastructure of Indiana, it is fitting and appropriate to rename a portion of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor the Senator Thomas K. Weatherwax Highway: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby urges the Indiana
2 Department of Transportation to rename State Road 25 in Cass County,
3 starting at the intersection of 300 South and continuing approximately
4 five miles into Logansport and the intersection of South Cicott Street,
5 the Senator Thomas K. Weatherwax Highway.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Thomas K. Weatherwax
8 and the Indiana Department of Transportation.

